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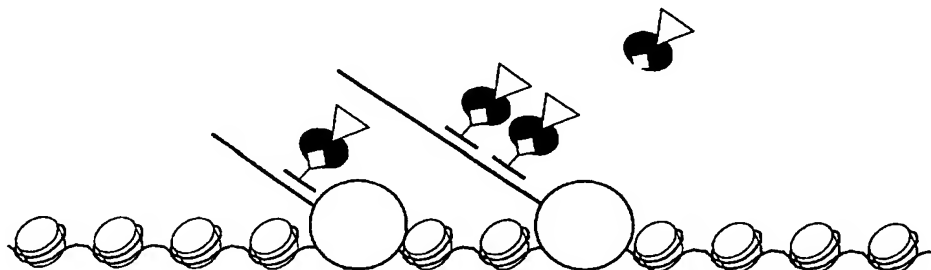
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(54) Title: TAGGING AND RECOVERY OF ELEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH TARGET MOLECULES



(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method for identifying elements associated with a target molecule comprising the steps of: (a) providing a probe capable of binding by specific molecular interaction to a predetermined specifically defined region of a target molecule, the probe associated with or capable of recruiting an enzyme; (b) adding a tag capable of being activated by the enzyme such that it can attach to elements in the vicinity of the enzyme; and (c) isolating elements having the tag attached thereto, wherein the defined region occurs once, twice, or in a low number of copies in the target molecule. Preferably the tag can attach only to elements in the vicinity of the enzyme.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 22, 23
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 15-19
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 15-19

Present claims 15-19 relate to a product defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely hapten-labelled probe(s) capable of binding by specific molecular interaction to a predetermined specifically defined region of RNA of a gene. The claims cover all products having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the method using hapten-labelled probe(s) specific to the RNA of an intron of an active gene e.g. a probe directed to intron 2 near the 3' ends of the mouse beta-major globin primary transcript, prepared in example 1

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-14 completely and 22,23 partially

A method for identifying elements associated with a target molecule.

2. Claims: 15-19 completely and 22,23 partially

A method for identifying elements of chromatin associated with transcribing RNA.

3. Claims: 20,21 completely and 22,23 partially

A method for identifying elements associated with a target molecule.

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